Mr. M. V. Cherian:— For how many years were the Ernakulam Municipality enjoying this water free of tax ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—They were charged even from the beginning for the water consumed. There was a meter at the head of the water works and the water consumed in Ernakulam was charged from the readings.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:— Was not this Alwaye water a gift by His Highness the Maharaja to Ernakulam and Mattancherri ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The installation was made out of the Government capital.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon:— What is the rate of water charged to Tatapuram ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— It is 12 annas per thousand gallons.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon:— What is rate for domestic consumption ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—Rupee one per thousand gallons.

Mr. President:— All industrial consumers get cheaper rates than domestic consumers?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— That was not the only reason. Because the Tata's are consuming large quantities of water the rate was fixed at 12 annas.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon:— What is the net gain to the Ernakulam Municipality for standing between the Government and the taxpayers ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— The Municipality pays the Government 4 annas per thousand gallons and get rupee one for the same quantity.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:—Cannot the Government look upon the public of Ernakulam in preference to an outsider ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—The pro rata distribution charges are much greater in Ernakulam.

Hostel attached to the Maharaja's College.

242. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether denominational hostels are attached to the Maharaja's College now ;

(b) how many such hostels are there now;

(c) what is the number of boarders in each hostel this educational year ?

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Mr. I N. Menon:— (a) Yes.

(b) Four. (1) Christian Hostel (Managed direct by Government).

(2) The Thiyya Hostel
(3) The Muslim Hostel } Grant-in-aid.
(4) The Sadanam for women

Numbers 2 to 4 are not meant for College students alone. High School students also are admitted into these.

(c) (1) Christian Hostel 30
(2) Thiyya Hostel 22
(3) Muslim Hostel 24
(4) Sadanam 24

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know, Sir, the number of boarders in the Cosmopolitan Hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— 76.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— What is the accommodation that is available in the Cosmopolitan Hostel ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—There is plenty of accommodation for about 90 in the Boys' Hostel and there is just enough room for 20 in the women's section of the cosmopolitan hostel.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Was not the Hindu Hostel changed into a Cosmopolitan Hostel at the unanimous request of this House ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I cannot say whether the request was unanimous or not. But I think it was at the request of this House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Since the old Hindu Hostel was changed into a Cosmopolitan Hostel in deference to the wishes of a good section of the House may I know where is the justification for the Government to run denominational hostels?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— The basis is not denominational. The cost per head in the cosmopolitan hostel is slightly higher than that in the sectional hostels and that is one reason why these boarders stood out for a separate institution of their own.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know, Sir, why the Government converted the Hindu Hostel into a Cosmopolitan Hostel ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— To make it open to all communities and there was a change in the public opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Has the Government done anything to further popularise this institution ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— There is no propaganda, but every inducement is offered to boys and girls to join this cosmopolitan hostel.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Is the Government aware that the existence of the denominational hostels stand in the way of further popularising the cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— It goes without saying. A percentage of at least those who go to denominational hostels are sure to go into the cosmopolitan hostel.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:— Is the so-called cosmopolitan hostel really so?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—It is open to every section.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:—Are there not separate mess arrangements?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— Yes, one for vegetarians and the other for non-vegetarians.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:—In as much as there are hostels for all castes except the caste hindus, is it not a hardship to them?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— There has been no such complaint.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— If there is a request from the Caste Hindus for a Hostel will they be provided with one?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I am confident that there will be no such request. It is a very hypothetical question. It is only a question of cost and not of caste.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:— Are the Government aware that the denominational hostels are more cosmopolitan than the so-called cosmopolitan hostels?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I have already submitted that the term denominational does not really express that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— What is the strength of the cosmopolitan hostel?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— 53 boys and 23 ladies.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— How many can be accommodated altogether?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— There is ample accommodation for 90 males and 20 females.

Members of the Legislative Council in the Text Book Committee.

243. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any rule, resolution or convention that there should be at least two members of this Council in the Text Book Committee;

(b) who are the two members of this Council now in the Text Book Committee?

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